

## MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTIONS, THE BULLETIN AND CIRCULATION

This issue of the Bulletin is, we hope, notable for several reasons. Among these are the new appearance and the first full list of members since Bulletin no. 3 in June 1971. ( We ask all members to check their entry and notify us of any errors.) These two features are not unrelated as the costs of production and circulation of such a large number of issues of increased size is high. Coinciding with the reorganisation of officers described elsewhere in this issue, we have taken the opportunity to check through membership records and found that many members appear to have forgotten to pay their subscriptions for the current or past years. Those concerned will receive a note with this Bulletin. If you receive one, please complete and return the form, together with cheque if appropriate, as soon as possible. Because of the greatly increased costs of production and circulation together with numerous arrears of subscriptions we can no longer afford to circulate extra copies. Indeed, at the time of writing, there are considerable doubts as to how we can pay for production and circulation of the present issue ! ACCORDINGLY, IF YOU RECEIVE A NOTE OF APPARENTLY UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS WITH THIS BULLETIN, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE DECEMBER AND FUTURE ISSUES ONLY IF THE FORM IS RETURNED.

Our checking of the records has also revealed three members whose addresses we do not have; if this is our fault we apologise. If anyone knows the addresses of any of the following we would be grateful to hear from them: C. Little, M.W. Pickering, O.W. Rostad.

Finally, especially those who have read to the end of this traumatic little note, we hope you like the present issue which completes most of the transformation to the new-style Bulletin. We know many bulletins are read more widely than just by the members receiving them. We are therefore enclosing loosely with this bulletin an application form for membership should any of these people wish to join the group.

### Payments to WSG

Please note that, due to a change in our banking arrangements, any cheques, etc. to the group should now be made payable to "Wader Study Group".

### OTHER NOTICES

#### Autumn meeting

For many years Clive and Pat Minton have provided a venue at their home for an Autumn meeting of the Wader Study Group. This of course will not be possible this year and no alternative venue is immediately apparent. We propose to cancel this year's meeting but to try and arrange one for 1979. Meanwhile we hope that as many members as possible will attend the BTO Ringing and Migration Conference at Swanwick in January 1979 when the Group's Annual General Meeting will be convened. Meanwhile if anyone has ideas for a location for an autumn meeting next year, preferably somewhere in central Britain, please contact Harry Green. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Minton for dealing so excellently with an immigration of wader people into her house every year for the last eight years or so for our meetings.